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SIX MINORS CONVICTED OF ARSON IN DREW SCHOOL FIRE

JACKSON, *Miss.* – Six juveniles accused of setting two separate fires in October 2023 have been convicted for their crimes. The names of the minors will not be released because of their ages but a description of each individual's charges and punishment is listed below.

The first fire was set on Saturday, October 14, 2023 at the abandoned school before being extinguished by the Drew Volunteer Fire Department. The second fire was set on Sunday, October 15, 2023 and caused the structure to burn and collapse. The building was in the process of being added to the Historical Register in Sunflower County.

- Minor 1 (14)
 - One (1) count of 1st Degree Arson
 - Restitution \$4,300.00 (\$358.00 paid monthly)
 - One (1) year probation
 - Forty (40) hours of community service
 - Attend Court Functions
- Minor 2 (14)
 - One (1) count of 1st Degree Arson
 - Restitution \$4,300.00 (\$358.00 paid monthly)
 - One (1) year probation
 - Forty (40) hours of community service
 - Attend Court Functions
- Minor 3 (15)
 - One (1) count of 1st Degree Arson
 - Restitution \$4,300.00 (\$358.00 paid monthly)
 - One (1) year probation
 - Forty (40) hours of community service
 - Attend Court Functions
- Minor 4 (15)
 - One (1) count of 1st Degree Arson
 - Restitution \$4,300.00 (\$358.00 paid monthly)
 - One (1) year probation
 - Forty (40) hours of community service
 - Attend Court Functions
- Minor 5 (15)
 - One (1) count of 1st Degree Arson
 - One (1) count of Criminal Trespass
 - Restitution \$4,300.00 (\$358.00 paid monthly)
 - Eighteen (18) months probation
 - Forty (40) hours of community service
 - Attend Court Functions
- Minor 6 (15)
 - One (1) count of Criminal Trespass
 - Six (6) months probation
 - Forty (40) hours of community service

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